

WIMAN UP FOR TRIAL.

This Specific Indictment Charges Him with a \$5,000 Forgery.

There Are Three Others Aggregating \$24,000.

George Murray, Hotel Manager, Chosen Foreman of the Jury.

The trial of Erastus Wiman, the "King of States," self-made man and reputed millionaire, on the charge of forgery, was called before Justice Ingraham, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, this morning.

Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, late Secretary of the Navy and once Judge of the Court of Appeals, and A. B. Boardman, who will conduct the trial, appeared with Col. Fellows on the side of the prosecution.

There are four indictments against Mr. Wiman, each charging him with forgery, done in connection with the business of R. G. Dun & Co., the great commercial agency.

The specific charge on which he was called to trial to-day is that in February, 1893, he drew a check on the Chemical National Bank for \$5,000, purporting to be for payment on the account of E. W. Bullinger, publisher of a shipping guide, and signing the name of one of R. G. Dun & Co.; that he forged the endorsement of E. W. Bullinger on the check, indorsed it himself, and deposited it to his own credit in the Chemical National Bank.



ERASTUS WIMAN.

The other indictment charges other forgeries, to the aggregate of \$24,000. Mr. Wiman built up Staten Island, the rapid transit system there was his, and his name was on the map. He was loved by every citizen of Staten Island, many of whom have grown rich as the result of his scheme for improving the island and developing its resources.

His defense is that as a member of the firm of R. G. Dun & Co. he had a right to sign the firm's name to checks, but the prosecution claims that he was not a member of the firm, but was its general manager, on an agreement that he was to receive a salary equal to one-sixth of the profits, and that even if he was a partner to the extent of one-sixth, he went beyond that limit in these transactions.

Before this trouble came upon him Mr. Wiman failed, his liabilities being nearly \$1,000,000. He has been on in \$25,000 since Feb. 24, the date of his arrest, in cash, deposited with the City Chamberlain.

The offense with which Erastus Wiman is charged, is forgery in the second degree, and on conviction he may be sentenced to Sing Sing Prison for ten years.

The second indictment charges that Mr. Wiman forged the name of one of the Brown, Treasurer of the Campbell Printing Press Company, indorsed on an R. G. Dun & Co. check for \$250, on Jan. 20, 1892. The other two are for forging the endorsement of J. M. Fitzgerald to two checks aggregating \$11,000. Fitzgerald furnished paper to R. G. Dun & Co.

The first business before Justice Ingraham was the selection of a jury to try the case.

Although visibly affected by his position, Mr. Wiman was not so much cast down but that he laughed heartily and with apparent enjoyment at the sallies of counsel.

Wolf Hoffman, a tailor; Max Platt, a clothier; and Henry W. Silberstein, an agent, were peremptorily challenged by Mr. Wiman, and six others were excused for bias before a foreman was found in the person of George Murray, manager of the Hotel Wellington and the Sherwood.

Mr. Murray said he was well acquainted with both Wiman and Dun, and would have to have proof of guilt before he could convict a man of such a crime as that charged against Wiman. Wiman's reputation and record, but he was sure he would convict if he had that proof, and Mr. Wiman accepted him and he was sworn.

Henry B. Vedham, Secretary and Treasurer of the United Fruit Company, 1 Broadway, and living at 23 West Fifty-third street, was accepted for the second seat in the jury box.

Victor Hugo Mathushek, President of the Post, Mathushek & Son Company, piano manufacturers, was given the third seat in the jury box. He lives at 25 West Fifty-fourth street.

William E. Wakeman, publisher of The American Economist and Secretary of the American Protective League, was excused by Mr. Wiman because he is a friend of Charles F. Deering, whose son is the husband of Mr. Wiman's daughter.

Jury No. 6 was secured in the person of Ellis Van Cleaf, a laundryman at 47 Grand street.

ton street, got the ninth seat. He lives at 17 West Sixty-fifth street.

The tenth juror is John W. Biglia, agent for William R. Grace & Co., pier 11, East River. Mr. Biglia lives at 1361 Fulton avenue.

Oscar W. Shaw, clerk in the New York Central office, residence 43 West Fourteenth street, took the eleventh seat.

The jury was completed at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the acceptance of Herman Blum, living at 861 Broadway, and living at 130 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, for the twelfth seat in the box.

Col. Fellows announced that no other case would be tried in this term, and Justice Ingraham discharged the panel of jurors and adjourned court till tomorrow morning, when Mr. Wiman will open the case for the prosecution.

ASLEEP IN A VACANT HOUSE.

Little May McGinnis Fled While Her Parents Were Fighting.

While Policeman Kipp, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, was walking along East One Hundred and Twenty-second street at 2 o'clock this morning, a man told him that a young girl was sleeping in a vacant house at 341 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street.

Kipp went to the house and found thirteen-year-old Mary McGinnis, of 239 First avenue, lying on the floor fast asleep.

When aroused she told the policeman that her parents had a fight last night, and she being afraid, went to this vacant house, where they had formerly lived.

In Harlem Police court this morning Justice Simms committed the girl to the care of the Gerry Society pending an investigation. The father, Michael McGinnis, is employed in the Park Department.

SUES DR. BAKER FOR \$5,000.

Mrs. Callahan Says He Set Her Broken Arm Improperly.

Suit has been brought in the Supreme Court by Margaret M. Callahan, the wife of Dr. Callahan, of Saratoga Springs, through her lawyer, Louis Stecker, of 25 Broadway, to recover \$5,000 damages against Dr. George W. Baker, of 540 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Callahan says that about two years ago her right arm was broken through a fall and she called in Dr. Baker to set it. She says that the arm was improperly set by the doctor, and that by reason of his unskillfulness she has lost the use of that arm.

BELASCO UNDER BONDS.

Arrested for Failing to Pay His Wife \$5 a Week.

Grace Wallace Belasco appeared in Jefferson Market Court to-day as complainant against her husband, Fred Belasco, who she said had not lived up to his agreement to pay her \$5 a week.

She had Fred Belasco arrested about two months ago, and Justice Ryan ordered him to pay her \$5 a week.

In court to-day Belasco said he had not been at work and could earn no money. He was placed under \$200 bonds to pay the amount. There was no bondsmen in court, and Belasco sat down to wait for one.

Admits She Stole the Jewelry.

In Essex Market Court to-day Mrs. Bertha Stern, thirty-nine years old, of 10 Canal street, was held for trial in default of \$1,000 bail on a charge of grand larceny. She visited Mrs. Annie Stern at 612 Ninth street, on Jan. 11 last, and when she left she carried away a quantity of jewelry. Mrs. Stern kept out of the way until she saw when she was arrested. She admitted her guilt.

ASPHYXIATED BY GAS.

Walter Claude Marcell Found Dead in His Bed.

Claude Marcell, forty years old, a waiter employed at the St. James Hotel, was found dead in bed, at 125 West Twenty-seventh street, at 8:15 this morning, having been asphyxiated by gas.

Marcell occupied a furnished hall-room in the flat of a fellow-waiter, Paul Golar. The dead man had been drinking heavily since Friday, and went home at 10:30 last night, entering his room from the hall.

Nothing was heard in his apartment this morning, and his usual room for waiting, and Mrs. Golar detecting a strong odor of gas, notified the police at the West Twentieth street station. The dead man had undressed and lay in bed, partially covered up.

It is supposed that he had turned the gas off, and had inadvertently turned it on again after he was extinguished. The body was removed to the Morgue.

STOCKS DULL AND LOWER.

Gold Shipment and Trust Investigation Causes Depression.

Sugar Weak on Rumors of Adverse Legislation.

The fact that prices from London came lower and the engagement of \$1,000,000 gold for shipment to Europe to-morrow, but more particularly the continued liquidation in sugar, led to a depressed feeling in local stock circles this morning.

Sugar dropped 1-1/2 to 100-1/2, and was fairly active. Small holders fear that the Senate investigation of the trust in the House, and may result in giving the monopoly less protection than is desired.

The reduction in the quarterly dividend rate of the New York & New Haven from 2-1/2 to 2-1/4 cent, also had a tendency to weaken the list.

The Omaha directors, on the other hand, have declared the usual annual dividend of 3-1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable Aug. 20.

American sugar preferred fell 1/2 to 92-3/4; Lead, ex-dividend, 7-3/4 to 37-3/4; Canadian Southern, 34 to 35-1/2; Burlington & Quincy, 1-1/4 to 7-5/8; Chicago Gas, 1-1/8 to 7-5/8; Northwest, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4; Union Pacific, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4; Dela-ware Electric, 1-3/8 to 36-5/8; Dela-ware & Maryland Canal, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4; Louisville & Nashville, 1-1/2 to 46; Manhattan, 1 to 115; Missouri Pacific, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4; Northern Pacific preferred, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4; Tennessee Coal, 1-1/2 to 108-3/4.

In the specialties, New York & New Haven fell 1/8 to 181-1/2. Subsequently Sugar recovered to 102.

Money 1 per cent on call. The inquiry for time money is small and rates are low. The market for time money for four months and 3 per cent, for six months, and 3-1/2 per cent, for nine months, is quiet.

Foreign exchange dull and steady at 48 1/2-1/4 for bankers' 60-day bills and 48 1/2-1/4 for sight drafts. The supply of bills is exceedingly small, and the bankers bid themselves compelled to remit in gold.

The market for gold is unchanged at 234-1/4 per ounce. Commercial bar here is at 234-1/4, and Mexican dollars to gold at 23-5/8.

There was a materially reduced borrowing demand for stocks, and smaller premiums were paid for some time. The falling off in the inquiry is especially noticeable in the cases of Sugar, St. Paul and Chicago Gas.

The stock market was quieter after the speculative temper cooled. Sugar ran off from 102 to 100, and at intervals was bid up to 101, and at 101-1/2, it was thought, have marked quite a quantity of stock, expecting to depress the price and then to sell at a profit. The tariff bill gets before the House, where the Trust will probably meet with vigorous opposition. The Grangers' General Electric and Chicago Gas were all conspicuously weak.

A jump in Sugar to 102-3/4 around 9 o'clock stiffened prices in the general list for a time, but after delivery hour there was a renewed tendency to sell, and in some instances the lowest figures of the day were touched, notably for the Grangers.

Then Sugar came up for the second time as a lever, and by its advance to 103-1/2, it caused a general recovery. The stock recovered to 102-3/4, and closed at 103-1/4. New York & New Haven sold at 181-1/2, a drop of 1-1/2 per cent. New York Central sold at 98-3/4, and Distillers at 26, both the highest figures of the day.

The sales of listed stocks were 55,000 shares. In the unlisted department 45,000 shares of Sugar and 2,500 Lead were traded in.

The Closing Quotations.

New York Central.....	98 3/4	99 1/4	97 3/4	98 1/4
New York & New Haven.....	133 1/2	134 1/2	132	132 1/2
N. Y. & N. J.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
N. Y., Chic. & St. L.....	12	14	14	14
N. Y. & C. & St. L. 2d pf.....	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/4	27 1/2
N. Y., L. E. & W.....	14 1/4	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
N. Y. & N. E.	14 1/4	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
N. Y. & N. E. W. pf.....	41 1/2	42	40 3/4	41 1/2
Norfolk & W. pf.....	20 1/2	20 3/4	20	20
Northern Pacific pf.....	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/4	16 1/2
Ontario & Western.....	15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/2
Orin. & N. W.	15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/2
Phila. & Reading.....	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/4	17 1/2
Pitts., C. & St. L.....	12	12 1/2	12	12 1/2
Rich. & W.	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
R. & O.	36 1/4	36 3/4	36 1/4	36 1/2
Southern.....	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Texas Pacific.....	8 1/4	8 3/4	8 1/4	8 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron.....	18 1/4	18 3/4	18	18 1/2
Union Pacific.....	15 1/4	15 3/4	15	15 1/2
U. S. Leather pf.....	62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/4	62 1/2
Wabash.....	15 1/4	15 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/2
Wabash pf.....	15 1/4	15 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/2
West. Union Tel.....	85	85 1/2	84 1/2	85
Wheel. & L. E.	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2